Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 25 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 24 Mar 2023 at 15:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high, but low for details on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 25 Mar 2023: Cloudy, a few snow showers in the north, turning increasingly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
		MIST					
Light snow	Light snow	Mist	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
70%	50%	20%	10%	10%	10%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Weather: Patchy snow, rain in the glens, gradually clears from the north through the early hours, although the west coast largely dry. Then a cloudy start, a few light snow flurries towards Glen Affric, mainly dry elsewhere. These soon die out to give a dry but cloudy day across southern ranges. Brighter in the north, but with scattered snow showers, mostly towards Ben Hope. A mostly dry evening with some clear spells.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% around dawn, otherwise 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility mostly very good, but poor at first for many hills with cloud down to 600m in the west, 400m in the east. Cloud bases soon lifting to leave occasional cloud above 1000m, lowering to 700-800m in showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	21/26 NE	22/27 NE	19/26 E	24/31 E	17/24 E	15/22 E	19/27 E	23/33 E	20/28 E
900	19/24 NE	20/26 NE	20/26 E	23/30 E	17/24 E	16/22 E	19/27 E	23/33 E	20/29 E
600	13/18 NE	13/18 NE	13/21 E	15/24 E	13/20 E	12/19 E	14/23 E	15/26 E	13/22 E
300	6/19 NE	9/21 NE	9/20 NE	12/23 E	10/20 E	9/19 E	10/21 E	10/23 E	9/20 E
Glen	11/21 NE	12/22 NE	13/24 NE	14/25 E	12/21 E	11/19 E	13/23 E	14/26 E	12/23 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-8	-2/-10	-4/-11	-4/-12	-2/-9	-2/-8	-3/-10	-4/-12	-4/-12
900	0/-6	-1/-8	-3/-10	-3/-10	-1/-8	-1/-7	-2/-9	-3/-11	-4/-11
600	2/-2	1/-4	-0/-6	0/-6	2/-3	2/-3	1/-4	-1/-6	-1/-7
300	4/2	3/0	2/-1	3/-1	5/2	5/2	3/-0	2/-2	1/-3
Glen	6/3	6/2	5/1	6/2	8/4	8/5	6/3	4/0	4/-0
Freezing Level*	900m	700m	500m	400m	500m	500m	500m	400m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold in the moderate to fresh easterly winds.

Forecast for Sunday 26 Mar 2023
Weather: Mostly dry with clear then sunny spells. A few snow showers, in the far north at first, but more widespread around early afternoon. Showers die back to the far north in the evening with clear spells further south.

Maximum wind: North 15-20 mph gusting 30-35 mph, strongest winds over the Cairngorms.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Generally good or very good visibility, briefly lowering in any heavier snow showers. Patchy cloud with bases occasionally lowering to around 1000-1200m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius rising to plus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius, falling to minus 2 Celsius for a time in the afternoon.
Freezing level: 200-300m, falling to sea level in the evening and overnight.

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